



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen Elizabeth II; represented by Governor General Julie PAYETTE

Head of Government

Prime Minister Justin Pierre James TRUDEAU

Government Type

federal parliamentary democracy; constitutional monarchy under the British Commonwealth, represented by the Governor General of Canada

Capital

Ottawa

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlement consists of the Senate or Senat (105 seats) and the House of Commons or Chambre des Communes (338 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Canada (chief justice and 8 judges);

Ambassador to US

Ambassador David Brookes MACNAUGHTON

US Ambassador

Ambassador Kelly CRAFT

GEOGRAPHY

Area

total: 9,984,670 sq km
land: 9,093,507 sq km
water: 891,163 sq km

Climate

varies from temperate in south to subarctic and arctic in north

Natural Resources

iron ore, nickel, zinc, copper, gold, lead, rare earth elements, molybdenum, potash, diamonds, silver, fish, timber, wildlife, coal, petroleum, natural gas, hydropower

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

35.6 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth Rate

0.73% (2017 est.)

Ethnic Groups

Canadian 32.2%, English 19.8%, French 15.5%, Scottish 14.4%, Irish 13.8%, German 9.8%, Italian 4.5%, Chinese 4.5%, North American Indian 4.2%, other 50.9%

Language

English (official) 58.7%, French (official) 22%, Punjabi 1.4%, Italian 1.3%, Spanish 1.3%, German 1.3%, Cantonese 1.2%, Tagalog 1.2%, Arabic 1.1%, other 10.5% (2011 est.)

Religion

Catholic 39%, Protestant 20.3% (United Church 6.1%, Anglican 5%, other Protestant 9.2%), Orthodox 1.6%, other Christian 6.3%, Muslim 3.2%, Hindu 1.5%, Sikh 1.4%, Buddhist 1.1%, Jewish 1%, other 0.6%, none 23.9% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 81.4% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.97% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

achieved strong growth since World War II by combining abundant natural resources, a highly skilled labor force, and modern capital stock with close economic ties to the US

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$1.764 trillion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$48,100 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$433 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 76.4%, China 4.3% (2017)

Imports

\$443.7 billion (2017 est.)
partners: US 51.5%, China 12.6%, Mexico 6.3% (2017)

